

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 13 and 16 and cancel Claims 4, 6, 15 and 18.

Following entry of the amendments in this Amendment, the pending claims in the present application read as follows:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An adhesive dispensing tape comprising:
2 a flexible carrier tape having a transverse width defined by first and
3 second edges of said carrier tape and a longitudinal length comprising a
4 plurality of adjoining longitudinal segments extending along the entire
5 longitudinal length of said carrier tape, each of said longitudinal segments
6 extending the entire transverse width of said flexible carrier tape; and
7 a ~~single row~~ plurality of hot melt adhesive segments disposed non-
8 contiguously spaced apart and aligned in columns extending along said
9 longitudinal length of said carrier tape, ~~each wherein at least two separate ones~~
10 of said adhesive segments ~~in said row of adhesive segments~~ are disposed on
11 said carrier tape within each of said longitudinal segments and positioned
12 aligned in side-by-side relation at transversely separated locations between
13 said first and said second edges of said carrier tape to provide transversely
14 extending margin between an outer edge of ~~the~~ an adhesive segment and an
15 adjacent one of said first and second edges of said carrier tape in each of said
16 longitudinal segments that is at least equal to the largest transverse extent of
17 the adhesive segment; and
18 wherein each of said adhesive segments is individually exposable to an
19 abutting planar surface when said carrier tape is transversely flexed.

1 2. (Cancelled).

1 3. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 1, wherein
2 said carrier tape has first and second release surfaces, and wherein said
3 adhesive segments adhere less strongly to said second release surface than
4 they do to said first release surface, whereby said carrier tape may be
5 unwound from a coil with said adhesive segments being retained on said first
6 release surface.

1 4. (Cancelled).

1 5. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 1, wherein
2 said adhesive segments are disk-shaped.

1 6. (Cancelled).

1 7. (Currently Amended) An adhesive dispensing tape comprising:
2 a flexible carrier tape having a transverse width dimension defined by
3 first and second edges of said carrier tape and a longitudinal length dimension
4 extending in a longitudinal direction comprising a plurality of adjoining
5 longitudinal segments extending along the entire longitudinal length of said
6 carrier tape, each of said longitudinal segments extending the entire transverse
7 width of said flexible carrier tape;
8 a series of hot melt adhesive segments disposed non-contiguously
9 staggered spaced apart and aligned in columns extending along said length of
10 said carrier tape in the longitudinal direction wherein at least two separate
11 ones of said adhesive segments are located within each of said longitudinal

12 segments of said carrier tape positioned aligned in side-by-side relation at
13 transversely separated locations, each of said adhesive segments having a
14 ~~transverse position~~ between said first and said second edges of said transverse
15 width of said carrier tape, said adhesive segments in each of said columns
16 spaced apart longitudinally along the length of said carrier tape providing a
17 longitudinally extending margin between adjacent adhesive segments of a
18 length greater than the longitudinal extent of an adhesive segment, and
19 wherein each of said adhesive segments is individually exposable to an
20 abutting planar surface when said carrier tape is transversely flexed.

1 8. (Cancelled).

1 9. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 7, wherein
2 said series of said adhesive segments are substantially linearly disposed on
3 said carrier tape along the length of said carrier tape.

1 10. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 7, wherein
2 said width of said carrier tape is defined by first and second edges and wherein
3 said series of adhesive segments is located along said length of said carrier
4 tape between said first and second edges of said width of said carrier tape.

1 11. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 7, wherein
2 said carrier tape has first and second release surfaces, and wherein said
3 adhesive segments adhere less strongly to said second release surface than
4 they do to said first release surface, whereby said carrier tape may be
5 unwound from a coil with said adhesive segments being retained on said first
6 release surface.

1 12. (Previously Presented). An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in
2 Claim 11, wherein said adhesive segments have a diameter measured along
3 said first release surface and are separated in the longitudinal direction by a
4 margin at least equal to the diameter.

1 13. (Currently Amended). An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in
2 Claim 11, wherein said adhesive segments are each circular disks and have a
3 diameter measured along said first release surface and are separated in the
4 longitudinal direction by a margin at least three times the diameter of the
5 circular disks.

1 14. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 7, wherein
2 said adhesive segments are each disks having a generally circular
3 configuration.

1 15. (Cancelled) .

1 16. (Currently Amended) An adhesive dispensing tape comprising:
2 a flexible carrier tape having a transverse width defined by first and
3 second edges of said carrier tape and a longitudinal length comprising a
4 plurality of adjoining longitudinal segments extending along the entire
5 longitudinal length of said carrier tape, each of said longitudinal segments
6 extending the entire transverse width of said flexible carrier tape; and
7 a plurality of spaced-apart hot melt adhesive segments distributed on
8 said carrier tape aligned in columns extending along the longitudinal length of
9 said carrier tape, wherein at least two separate ones of said adhesive segments
10 are transversely and ~~noncontiguously~~ non-contiguously disposed on said

11 carrier tape within each of said longitudinal segments on said carrier tape and
12 positioned aligned in side-by-side relation at transversely separated locations
13 between the first and second edges of said flexible carrier tape ~~within each of~~
14 ~~said longitudinal segments on said carrier tape~~ to provide a margin extending
15 between an outer edge of an adhesive segment and an adjacent one of said first
16 and second edges in each of said longitudinal segments that is at least equal to
17 the transverse extent of the adhesive segment; and
18 wherein each of said longitudinal segments contains the same number of
19 adhesive segments disposed therein.

1 Claims 17-19 (Cancelled).

1 20. (Original) An adhesive dispensing tape as defined in Claim 16,
2 wherein said carrier tape has first and second release surfaces, and wherein
3 said adhesive segments adhere less strongly to said second release surface
4 than they do to said first release surface, whereby said carrier tape may be
5 unwound from a coil with said adhesive segments being retained on said first
6 release surface.

1 Claims 21-22 (Cancelled).